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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT COMPASS TRIP

PASS TO DEA HQS ATTN: MR. CUSACK EOI

REF: STATE 109569; STATE 112199; MEXICO 4359

1. IN MEETING MAY 31, ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA, IN COMPANY WITH SECOND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ALVA LEYVA AND EMBOFF, WENT CAREFULLY OVER PROJECT "COMPASS TRIP" AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED IN STATE 109569.

2. IN ADDITION TO MINOR STYLISTIC CHANGES, SUBSTANTIVE ALTERATIONS OJEDA REQUESTED WERE:

A. UNDER TECHNICAL SUPPORT (PARA 2 D) FIRST SENTENCE: DELETE "...AND IN POST OPERATION ANALYSIS."; SUBSTITUTE "...ITS OPERATION, INCLUDING THE ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION SO OBTAINED." (OJEDA WRYLY SUGGESTED ORIGINAL VERSION SOUNDED TOO SURGICAL.)

B. SAME PARA, SECOND SENTENCE: END SENTENCE  
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AFTER "UTILIZATION"; AND DELETE "...AND FURNISHING REPORTS

THEREON TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS; HE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE AT SUCH TIMES AS EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST." (OJEDA OBJECTED TO THIS LANGUAGE AS CONCEIVABLY IMPLYING THAT USG CONSULTANT WOULD BE SENT TO MEXICO TO ACT AS "SPY" OR INTELLIGENCE-GATHERER. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE OF COURSE KNEW BETTER AND AGREED WITH THE CONSULTANT'S ROLE IN PRINCIPLE; HIS ONLY PROBLEM WAS WITH THE WORDING OF THE LETTER, WHICH MIGHT GIVE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION.) SEE PARA 2 D BELOW FOR SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT.

C. UNDER OPERATIONAL SUPPORT (PARA 2 E ), FIRST SENTENCE: ADD "...IN FULL OR IN PART, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$124,200 DOLLARS, THROUGH THE EMBASSY...". DELETE SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES, I.E., "THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WILL ASSUME THESE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS IN SUBSEQUENT PERIODS OF OPERATION. THE COST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THIS SUPPORT SHALL NOT EXCEED \$124,200 DOLLARS." (OJEDA EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THIS LANGUAGE WAS UNDERSIRABLE IN COMMITTING GOM TO PICK UP COSTS FOR UNSPECIFIED FUTURE OPERATIONS; HE THINKS WE SHOULD LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR NEGOTIATION ON THIS POINT WHEN THE NEED ARISES, AND PROGRAM CAN BETTER BE ASSESSED I.E., AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION. OJEDA ADMITS THAT THIS IS NOT A VERY LARGE ITEM BUT WANTS TO FINESSE QUESTION FOR NOW BY DELETING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.)

D. IN ORDER TO MEET REQUIREMENT FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON USE AND CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT (SEE PARA 2B, ABOVE), OJEDA AGREED TO ADD TO LAST SENTENCE OF PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH (PARA 2 H): "...FROM OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM, AS WELL AS INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION AND CONDITION OF THE EQUIPMENT."

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDERSTANDS WE MUST OBTAIN WASHINGTON AGREEMENT TO ABOVE CHANGES; HE IN TURN FEELS HE MUST SHOW PROPOSED TEXT TO SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TO OBTAIN THEIR APPROVAL. ACTING WITH SENSE OF URGENCY, HE EXPECTS TO DO THIS JUNE 3; EMBASSY THEREFORE NEEDS DEPARTMENT REPLY (AND HOPEFULLY APPROVAL) SOONEST.  
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4. CONCERNING FURTHER TRAINING FOR "COMPASS TRIP" TECHNICIANS (STATE 112199), OJEDA AGREED TO POSTPONEMENT OF BEGINNING OF COURSE UNTIL JUNE 10, AND SAID THE FIVE (AS OF NOW) MEXICANS WOULD TRAVEL TO MISSISSIPPI JUNE 9, HE PLANS TO MEET WITH THEM JUNE 5 TO GIVE THEM SEND-OFF BRIEFING. FUNDING NO PROBLEM, AS GOM WILL PAY TRAINEES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE IN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING

REIMBURSEMENT FROM USG AFTER "COMPASS TRIP" AGREE-  
MENT SIGNED.

5. ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MAY 24  
MEETING WITH DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL (MEXICO 4359)  
COVERED ALL NECESSARY POINTS AND LEFT NOTHING DANGLING.  
HE REQUESTED SUMMARY OF THAT MEETING. EMBOFF TOLD HIM  
HE THOUGHT MAY 24 MEETING COVERED ALL POINTS OF GREATEST  
IMMEDIACY AND PROMISED TO SUPPLY RESUME OF MEETING.  
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